

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 1, 2011. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Barry Cox, Retha Elston, Linda Marley, Joe Martin, Lou Sotelo, and Amy Viering. Absent: None.

Also present were City Attorney Ron Coplan, City Manager Scott Shumard, Management Intern Hadley Skeffington-Vos, Code Enforcement Officer Amanda Schmidt, Interim Fire Chief Gary Cook, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Lee recognized Nick Gray from Scout Troop 72 working on his government badge.

Rod Kleckler, President of Sauk Valley Landlords Association, spoke on behalf of the Board of Directors. He hopes the Council will move forward with telecasting their meetings for the cable and internet. With the upcoming remodeling, it would be a good time to incorporate new equipment. Telecasting could improve community involvement. Mayor Lee thanked him for his comments and hopes the City will be able to move forward with telecasting meetings.

Alderman Cox made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- 1) City Council Minutes of July 18, 2011
- 2) Bills and Payroll totaling \$1,243,561.97
- 3) The recommendation from the Plan Commission to issue a letter of "no Objection" to the Whiteside County petition for 12923 and 12951 Lawrence Road to be rezoned from a B-3 District to an I-1 District as defined in the Whiteside County Zoning Ordinance

The motion was seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to waive the bidding process and authorize the City Manager to contract with Insituform Technologies USA in the amount of \$53,445 for a cured-in-place pipe repair to sanitary sewer on Locust Street between Sixth and Eighth Streets; seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Manager Shumard reported the cost for this repair is in the budget. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Viering made a motion to adjourn to a closed session at 6:38 pm to discuss purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body as provided for under 5ILCS 120/2; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mayor Lee announced that no action would be taken after the closed session.

Alderman Viering left the meeting at 6:38 pm.

Alderman Sotelo made a motion to reconvene the open meeting at 6:50 pm; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Following a news article about Applebee's and the proposed Manny's Pizza, Mayor Lee explained the liquor license is not being held up by the City but by an agreement with the developer and Applebee's that no other liquor license could be issued in the plaza.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Sotelo made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk